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# 911 response system gets upgraded

**By Cpl. Joshua Barnhardt**  
Editor

The Provost Marshal's Office, in conjunction with the Fire and Emergency Services Division, recently upgraded its 911 response system.

"The system we had before was from the '60s," said Robert Wyman, fire chief for the Fire and Emergency Services Division. "We took the technology ahead 40 years."

The old system that was in place was sometimes unreliable, said Wyman. The system was so old that when it broke down, replacement parts were no longer available.

Not only does the new system make the 911 service on base reliable, it

makes MCLB Barstow compatible to the other emergency response systems in the high desert.

"The new system can link us with (all the emergency service departments) around this area," said Wyman.

The benefits for having this system are enormous, said Wyman. It has gotten rid of a system of phone numbers and pagers spread all over the base and made one centralized location for all information.

"This new system replaced a whole room of equipment and put it all on two screens," said Wyman.

The system has two monitors, which let the mouse roam from one to the other, and has access to all the radios and phone lines used by PMO

and the Fire and Emergency Services Division.

"The system lets the dispatcher talk to any one certain person, or a group of people at the same time," said Wyman. "And if we need the help from an outside organization, then we can contact them too."

This system will be good for at least five years and possibly up to 10 years, said Wyman. It was also put into the contract that any upgrades made for this system will be installed immediately.

The system will end up costing close to \$600,000, said Wyman. It took around \$250,000 to get the system in place. The servers that will be added and the updated systems that

will be installed into various patrol units and emergency vehicles, make up the other \$300,000.

"The new system will also help get more military policemen out on the road, doing what they get paid for," said Wyman. "The new system can be run by a single dispatcher, which is a civilianized position."

Wyman also said now that the dispatcher system is civilianized, it will make for a more proficient system. Having someone permanently in place keeps someone very familiar with the system and the new upgrades at the controls.

"Having this new system in place is a great improvement," said Wyman. "It brings us out of the stone age."

## Marine Card Program: use anywhere you PCS

**By Rob L. Jackson**  
BARSTOW LOG staff

Oasis and Enlisted Club members take note. Marine Corps Community Services Barstow is switching to a new membership card, which means the current card will be null and void effective Nov. 1.

MCCS has already begun replacing the old cards, and by November anyone who has not applied for the new card will be automatically dropped from the Oasis Club membership roles, according to Gary Fulham, director MCCS Barstow. MCLB Barstow is not the only installation adopting the new membership program; in fact it is being done Marine Corps-wide.

"Headquarters Marine Corps MCCS made a business decision to outsource the club membership billing in order to reduce overhead expenses each club was incurring," Fulham stated. "This would allow more of the money being spent by the members to be available for special events, free foods, etc., vice paying for labor, postage, material and other administrative costs."

The business was outsourced to Bank One out of Wilmington, Del., and the decision to go with this company was based on its experience with providing services to the Air Force and

several Marine Corps bases that had individually contracted with them, according to Fulham.

One other reason for the change, according to Fulham, was to make a single club membership that could be easily transferred base to base when a service member receives permanent change of station orders to another base. Standardized dues were developed as a result so that no matter where members went their dues would be the same.

With the new membership system people no longer have to worry about closing out their bill and membership at one duty station just to start all over again at another installation. It is already in place, which gives a service member one less thing to worry about when trying to check out.

There are two basic types of cards being issued to current or new members. The first is a major credit card and the other is a proprietary card.

The difference between the two is the commercial card can be used anywhere credit cards are accepted. Whereas the other card can only be used in MWR/MCCS activities on Marine Corps, Army, Navy and Air Force installations that are on the new system.

Although membership dues are a



Photo by Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt

Tim Wilkerson of Fort Scott, Kan., goes for a ride during the bareback riding competition at the Barstow Rodeo Stampede, Sunday. For more on the rodeo, see Pages 6 and 7.

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# What we don't say may be louder than our words

By **Cindy L. Martinez M.F.T.**  
Personal Services Division

**Editor's Note:**

*The following article is the third part of a four-part series of articles dealing with interpersonal communication. The first article was published in the Barstow Log Sept. 18, and the second was published Sept. 25.*

The previous two articles discussed communication skill building between married couples. This week continuing along the same line, I will address non-verbal communica-

tion. Actions speak louder than words. This statement is very true when assessing couples' current communication styles. We seldom say nothing. Non-verbal communication is learned in childhood and is practiced continually throughout life. Non-verbal communication is often misinterpreted, especially between genders and cultures. It must be interpreted correctly based on one's lifestyle and family of origin. It is a difficult habit to change if someone is not aware of his or her own non-verbal style. People have a tendency to draw near

something they like and to pull away from something they don't like. Couples have told me the only time they really talk is when they fight. Couples then can draw further and further apart. When couples communicate, oftentimes information is expressed while the other person is attending to something else, e.g. children, dinner, television or the computer. Our non-verbal communication may be interpreted to our partner than now is not a good time and I am not willing to listen. Couples need to be comfortable with each other and have no distractions that would hamper communication. Non-verbal communication that is

viewed as open and honest may include smiling, leaning forward, open and relaxed hands, and uncrossed legs and arms. Touching, patting and holding hands are very receptive gestures for communicating. Non-verbal communication that can be viewed as closed and suspicious may include crossed legs, crossed arms against the chest, rigid posture, fidgeting and hands covering the mouth. Remember, non-verbal communication speaks louder than words. Take time for each other. A marriage is a terrible thing to waste. If you have problems communicating, call Personal Services Division at 577-6533.

## Learning from the Bible

By **Lt. Cmdr. Randel Livingood**  
Base Chaplain



I was reading recently and ran across something in the Christian Scriptures that really caught my attention.

It was a passage from the Gospel of Matthew 5:27-37. The reason that it caught my attention was because as you read it you really get the sense that it is one of the more difficult passages of the Bible.

By difficult I do not mean that it is necessarily hard to understand, rather I mean that it is one of those passages that makes you cringe when you read it. I probably cringe because in today's society we are not used to dealing with things that are challenging to us on a moral and ethical level.

In the case of this passage though I found that it was probably one of those that if given a choice about whether to present a homily on that on Sunday morning or not I would probably wish not to since it would be very challenging to present well.

That is really saying a lot. I believe that the issue that caught my eye was that these are the

kinds of passages that really put people off. They inhibit people from moving toward God because they feel as though they are cut off or alienated from God by their actions. So as I thought about it I decided that I would take the time to try and deal with the issue of how to read, comprehend and apply those difficult passages. In fact this applies to most anything that challenges our assumptions. It is something that makes us move away from saying, "Everyone has had that experience and I am no different so I am not any worse than anyone else." The reality is that if thousands of people are doing something that is wrong, it does not make it any less wrong for us to do. So how do we look at these difficult passages? Do we say that they do not really apply to our modern society because we have become more accepting of poor behavior and actions? That is probably not the route that is most wise if you are a person of faith. Instead what we should be asking is where is the blessing that comes from reading and understanding and adhering to those difficult passages? Yes, those readings are hard to take and sting when we read them, but are they all bad? I don't think so. I believe that there is a

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## Just doing my job ...



Photo by Rob Jackson

Thomas Allen, welder, Cost Work Center 743, Maintenance Center Barstow, uses a water jet machine to cut metal pieces for a work project. Allen, who has been with MCB since 1998, said the machine, using just water and sand, can cut through metal up to 3 inches thick.

### Chapel Services

Protestant Sun. 8:30 a.m.  
Catholic Mass Sun. 10:30 a.m.

**Morning Prayer** in the Building 15 Administration Office Tuesday at 8:30 a.m.

### Catholic Rosary

First Saturday of every month. 3 p.m. at the Base Chapel. For more info call 577-6849.

### Episcopal Mass

Tuesday at 4 p.m. at Building 406 in Yermo. Thursday at 11 a.m. at the Base Chapel. For more info call 577-6849.



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# News Briefs

"News Briefs" is designed to disseminate information to the MCLB Barstow community. Submissions should include a point of contact and phone number, and be received by noon Thursdays for the next week's issue. Submit news briefs via e-mail to [editor@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@barstow.usmc.mil).

## Lunch Menu

Unless otherwise indicated lunch menus for the Family Restaurant and Cactus Cafe are the same. Lunch menus are subject to change.

*Today* – Breaded pork chops.  
*Friday* – Breaded Hoki fish, macaroni and cheese.  
*Monday* – Spaghetti and meat sauce.

*Tuesday* – Hot ham and cheddar cheese sandwiches.

*Wednesday* – Beef fajitas.  
 Active duty military \$3.25, all others, \$4.75. Lunch entrees include roll/butter, vegetable, coffee, tea or soft drink.

Lunch is served at the Family Restaurant from 10:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 11 a.m. to noon.

Cactus Cafe serves hamburgers, subs, salads and other line items available for walk in lunch – for other Family Restaurant lunch menu items, call in orders before 9:30 a.m. to the Family Restaurant at 577-6428.

## Breakfast

Breakfast at the Family Restaurant is from 5:30 to 8 a.m. At the Cactus Cafe from 5:30 to 6:30 a.m.

## Family Night Dining

*Tonight* – Pearl of the Orient Night. Chicken adobo, beef lumpia, fried/steamed rice, tempura vegetable, and dessert.

The Family Restaurant is open Mondays through Wednesdays and Fridays from 4:30 to 6 p.m. for dinner. They offer a dinner menu as well as regular menu service.

## Marine Corps Ball tickets on sale

The 228th Marine Corps Birthday Ball will be celebrated by MCLB

Barstow Nov. 7 at the Flamingo in Laughlin, Nev. Tickets are now on sale and can be bought until Nov. 1.

Cocktail hour will start at 6 p.m., the ceremony will begin at 7 p.m. and dinner will be served at 8 p.m.

The prices for tickets are:  
 Civilians and officers, \$25; staff noncommissioned officers, \$20; non-commissioned officers, \$15; and lance corporals and below are free. It will cost \$15 for lance corporals to bring a date.

Tickets can be purchased in the Green Wing of Building 15 from Danielle Heinze. Her phone number is 577-6307.

Anyone interested in child care for the night can contact Gunnery Sgt. Nohelia Fritz at 577-6459.

For room reservations, call the Flamingo in Laughlin at 1-800-662-5825. The code for the special room rate is SLBMA03. Let them know you are with the Barstow Marines.

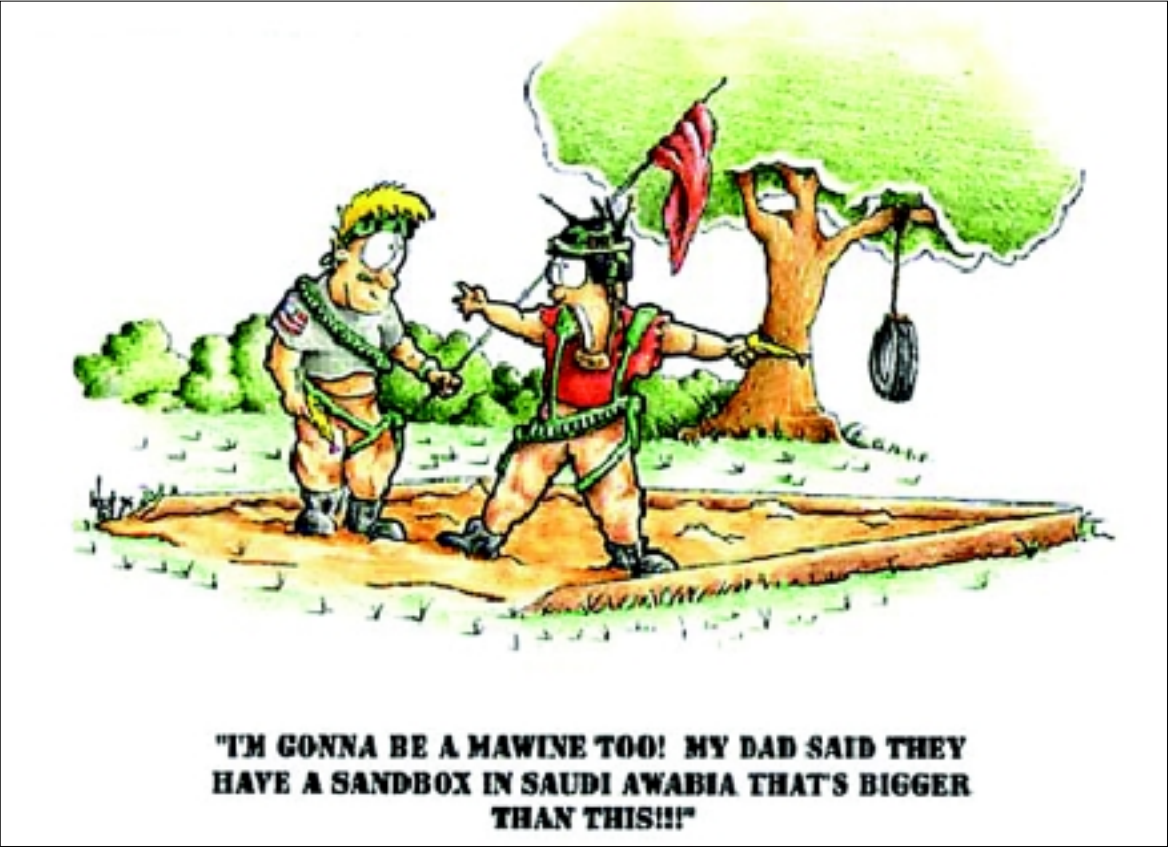
Room rates are \$49 for a regular room, \$150 for a junior suite and \$350 for a two bedroom suite.

## CFC still going

The annual Combined Federal Campaign kicked off Sept. 15 and is scheduled to run through Oct 17. This year's coordinator, 1st Lt. Michael Smith, of MCLB Barstow's Finance Office, is looking forward to another successful campaign.

The goal again this year is to make 100 percent contacts with all of MCLB Barstow's Marines and civilian Marines. The CFC contacts are:

Name	Section	Ext.
Agnes Bialkaski	Base Safety	6266
Barbara Rodriguez	C&P	6247
Merideth Taylor	HRO	6478
James Brown	Utilities	6512
Viola Edwards	I&L	6294
Michelle Eichler	MCB	7811
GySgt. Cherry	PMO	6666
GySgt. Green	I&L	6183
Staff Sgt. Johnson	HqBn	6851
GySgt. Jones	Housing	6871
Bertie Dailey	PAO	6430
Heather Hess	MCCS	6963
Maj. Wesely	SJA	6879
Ruby Adams	Comm	6211
1st Lt. Kut	FSD	7611



Beverly Short	OGC	6249
Carlos Alborno	Environ.	6856
CWO Charles	ASD	6727
Dallas Harris	DDBC	6434
Billie Reed	FSD	7857
Patty Geary	Commissary	6404
HM2 Corcoran	Medical	6491

## Calico Days

Calico Ghost Town is celebrating Calico Days Oct. 10-12. There will be a barbecue to kick off the days Oct. 10. There will be a parade and gunfight Oct. 11 and a burro race and rock rolling, muck raking and arm wrestling competitions Oct 12.

There will also be a Native American village, Indian dance exhibitions and 1880s style contests featured all weekend long.

The hours are Oct. 10 from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., Oct. 11 from 9 a.m. to 11 p.m., and Oct. 12 from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. The prices are \$8 for adults and \$5 for children 15 years old and under. For more information, call 1-800-TO-CALICO.

## Horse Show

Equestrian Trails Inc., Corral 66 presents its first Halter and Performance Schooling Show and Jack Pot Barrel Races Saturday at 8:20 a.m.

The event will be held at the Steer Head Arena in Hinkley on Highway 58 and sign-ups start at 7:45 a.m.

There will be trophies given out to winners and ribbons for the top six. The U.S. Army Black Horse Team will be performing at noon.

For more information, call 253-7312.

## Special Olympics

The Special Olympics Second Area Bowling Competition will be held Saturday at Paradise Lanes in Barstow.

The athlete check-in is at 10 a.m., opening ceremonies are at 11:30 a.m. and the competition begins at noon.

For more information, call 255-2787 or 256-1690.

# Fire Prevention Week draws near

In commemoration of the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 that consumed more than 250 souls, left 100,000 homeless, destroyed more than 17,400 structures and burned more than 2,000 acres, the National Fire Prevention Week was created over 81 years ago.

Sponsored by the National Fire Prevention Association, various nationwide and local activities are slated under this year's theme of "When fire strikes: Get Out! Stay Out!"

Scheduled for Oct. 5-11, the NFPW is also being recognized by the MCLB Barstow Fire Department.

An open house is slated at the MCLB Barstow firehouse Wednesday Oct. 8, with the Installation and Logistics Department's end-of-summer picnic piggybacking the event.

The open house/barbeque is scheduled from 11-12:30 a.m. Ticket prices are \$3 and are available at the firehouse. Handouts,

prizes and fire safety displays are just a few of the attractions offered to Marines, sailors, base employees, dependants and "anyone," said MCLB Barstow Assistant Fire Chief Terry Jenkins.

On Oct. 9, the base fire department will visit the Child Development Center here.

Firefighters will discuss the issues and importance of fire safety to young children, and possibly bring a group of children back to the firehouse to run them through the Kid's Safety House.

Scheduled from 2-6 p.m. the fire department will come to the Youth Activities Center here, when Marine Corps Community Services sponsors a free fire safety display, including the Kid's Safety House, or, "Smoke House."

There will also be barbeque on location. The event is open to all base personnel.

For more information contact Terry Jenkins, assistant base fire chief, at 577-6966.

# Job Watch

Ann No.	Title/Series/Grade	Open	Close	1st Cutoff	Location
DEU-321-03-NR	Industrial Maintenance Mechanic GS-1601-14	09-15-03	10-14-03	09-19-03	MCLB Barstow
DEU-320-03-NR	Heavy Mobile Equipment Repairer WG-5803-08 (Term NTE 4 years)	09-18-03	10-29-03	09-22-03	MCLB Barstow

Applicants interested in the above positions should submit résumés online at the following Web sites: <http://www.donhr.navy.mil> and/or <http://www.usajobs.opm.gov>.

For information regarding open continuous announcements go to <http://www.donhr.navy.mil>

For more information concerning public job announcements visit the Self-Service Center, Building 236, Mondays through Fridays from 7 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. or call the Human Resources Office, 577-6357, 577-6279, or 577-6481.

This is not an official list. See the Web sites listed for a complete list.

# July Quarters of the Month winners recognized



Photo by Curt Lambert

Paula Vitalich, mother-in-law of Staff Sgt. Dale Cobin, and Cobin's daughter, Lauren Cobin, receive the award for Staff Noncommissioned Officer Quarters of the Month for July.



Photo by Curt Lambert

Army Spc. Christopher M. Fetherlin received the award for Enlisted Quarters of the Month for July from Lt. Col. Charles Hamilton, base executive officer.



Photo by Curt Lambert

James and Bryan Gillenwater, sons of Chief Warrant Officer Joseph Charles, receive the award for Officer Quarters of the Month for July.

# Devil Dog from K-9 Unit wins board

**By Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt**  
**BARSTOW LOG Staff**

“He’s motivated,” said Cpl. Jason Dorman, a dog handler at the MCLB Barstow Provost Marshal’s Office K-9 unit, of Cpl. Darin Cleveringa.

Cleveringa, also a dog handler in the K-9 unit here, was recently promoted to corporal after winning a meritorious promotion board in early September.

Cleveringa was raised in the small Mid-Western town of Rock Valley, Iowa. He graduated from Rock Valley Community Junior/Senior high School as one out of 60 graduates.

After graduating high school, Cleveringa went on to pursue a career as a hog farmer, working several odd jobs in the booming livestock industry, staying mostly in his hometown. After two years of “hogging,” Cleveringa noticed a difference in his attitude toward staying in Iowa.

“I was bored,” he said, and on a sleepy Saturday Iowa afternoon, he

strolled into the Marine Corps recruiting office. Less than one week later, he was in the Delayed Entry Program.

Cleveringa attended recruit training at MCRD San Diego, combat training at Camp Pendleton, and went on from there to Military Police School at Fort Leonard Wood, Mo.

Upon completing military occupational specialty training, Cleveringa was sent to dog handler school at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio.

He came aboard MCLB Barstow July 21, 2002.

Cleveringa certainly wasn’t a newcomer to boards before September. He has won a Marine of the Quarter board, and also competed on a meritorious promotion board earlier this year.

Being nominated for the most recent board was brought to Cleveringa’s attention on short notice, leaving him little time to prepare.

“I found out about (the board) the day before,” said Cleveringa.



Cpl. Darin Cleveringa

Though the board was not “typical” by any means because of the exclusion of a PFT, drill, uniform inspection and question and answer session, Cleveringa said he still studied and prepared for the board the night before.

“I wasn’t nervous about the board, because if you’re nervous, it means you’re scared. I’m not scared of anything,” Cleveringa confidently quipped.

“(The board members) just went

through our (service record books), the whole thing lasted like 15 minutes,” he added.

Dorman said he wasn’t surprised to discover that “Clever,” as his fellow Marines call him,” had won the board, knowing how much he deserved it.

“He’s very active and takes initiative,” said Dorman. “Now he has more of an opportunity to take care of his Marines, y’know, ‘troop welfare,’ that’s what it’s all about,” he added.

Dorman said “the word around the shop” was in support of Cleveringa’s victory, defeating the typical “shop jealousy” stereotype.

“There are only five of us in the shop. We’re a pretty tight unit,” said Dorman.

Cleveringa had his own take on the K-9 unit, “The people I work with are all good Marines.”

From a small town Mid-Western farm boy to a squared-away meritorious corporal of Marines, Cpl. Cleveringa is proof that with a little motivation, there is hope in life after high school.

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little higher than before, there are also quite a few benefits to go along with the new card.

Members for example:

Pay less for beverages than non-members.

Receive two-for-one specials.

Pay no cover charge to attend club events such as dances, Karaoke, and the annual New Year’s Eve party.

Receive \$1.00 off a round of golf (18 holes) with unlimited usage of the discount,

Have charge privileges at all MCCS activities.

There are more benefits to being a member than not, and prospective members can find out more when they sign up for the new card.

MCCS benefits as well from the new system in that the system keeps more of the membership money available to spend on the members and it reduces overhead expenses.

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# Mamas, don't let your babies grow up to be cowboys

*The Barstow Rodeo Stampede came to the MCLB Stables*

**Story and photos by  
Lance Cpl. Andy J. Hurt  
BARSTOW LOG staff**

Thousands gathered in attendance this weekend at the MCLB Barstow Base stables for the Barstow Rodeo Stampede, a Professional Rodeo Cowboy Association event put on by the Barstow Rodeo Group.

The two-day event featured world-class competition, including bareback riding,

steer wrestling, tie-down roping, saddle bronc riding, bull riding and much more.

Also highlighted was the Rodeo Queen pageant, featuring various "western beauties" competing for the title of Queen.

The pageant broke down into three categories; Lil' Miss, Teen Miss and Queen. Taking this year's Queen honors was "Her Majesty" Megan Purtle, 17, of Hesperia, Calif.

With crowds in attendance of over 2,000

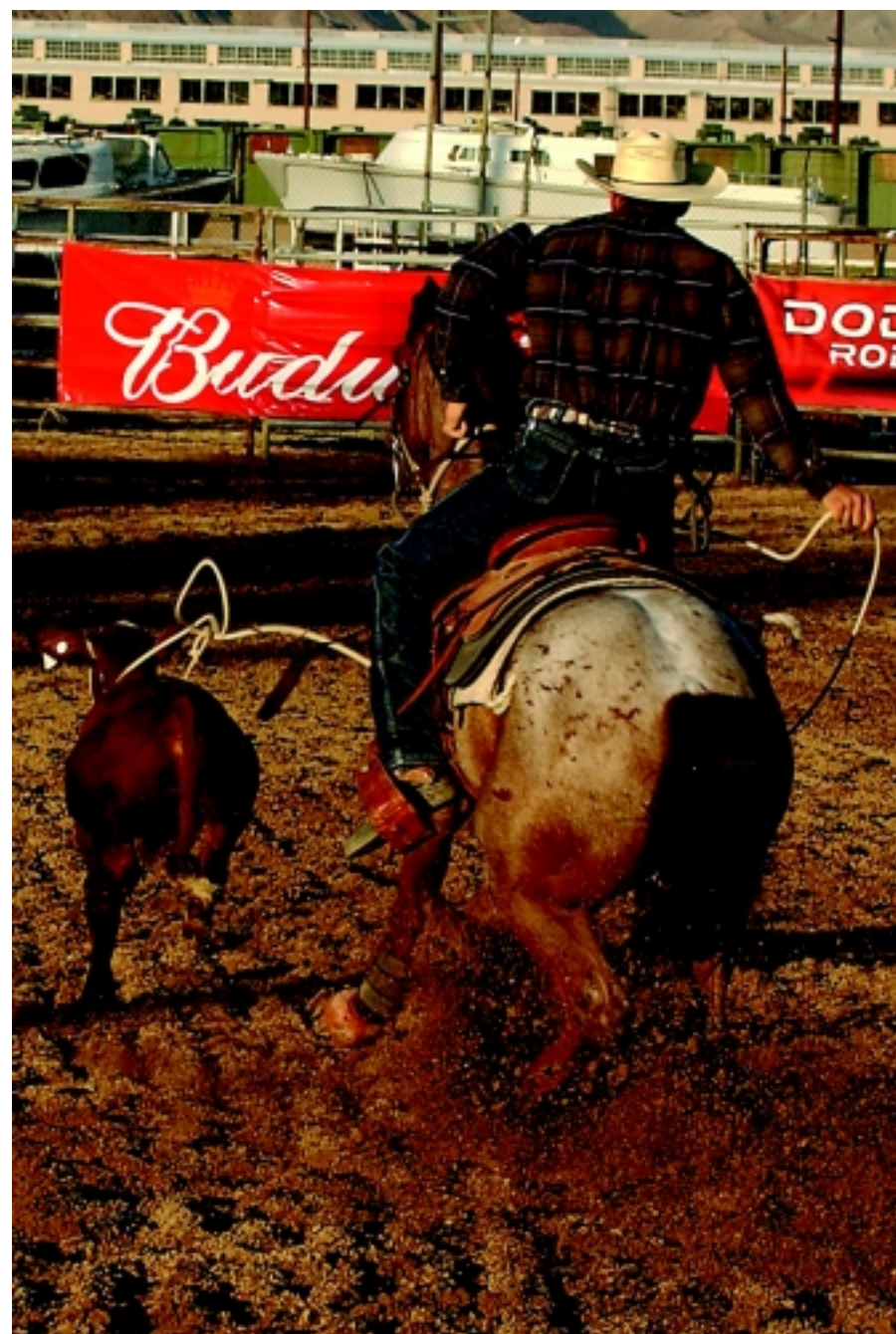
Saturday night, the rodeo attracted more than just range-riding cowboys.

Chuck Stokes, a 73 year-old resident of the Veteran's Home of California, Barstow, greatly enjoyed the rodeo along with many others, even if they may not be die-hard "rodeo hooligans."

"I'm not much of a rodeo follower; however, I can enjoy it," said Stokes. "Some of these bucking bronco riders are amazing—that they stay in one piece."



Lil' Miss Rodeo Queen contestant and Barstow native Erica Keller, 12, runs her horse, Dale, during the Barstow Rodeo Stampede Grand Entry.



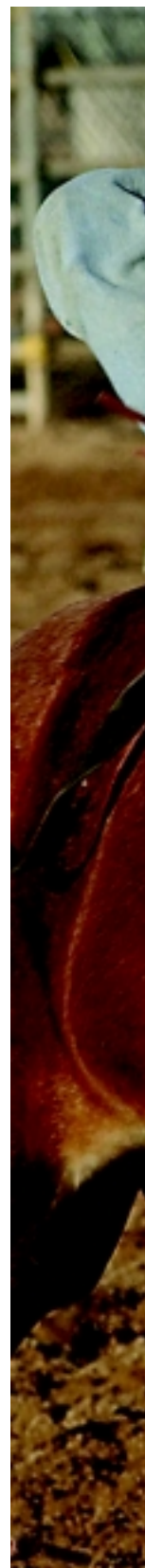
A cowboy slings his tool of trade during Sunday night's calf roping competition at the Barstow Rodeo Stampede, held at the MCLB Barstow Base stables, home of the Marine Corps Mounted Color Guard.



A group of steers mill about in the pen area at the rodeo, waiting their turn to participate. These particular stock come from Colorado and are fed anywhere from 8-10 pounds of grain each day.



Galen Wilson from North Las Vegas takes a moment to reflect and nurse injuries with a fellow cowboy shortly before Sunday night's Saddle Bronc riding. Wilson rode a buckin' bronco named "Six Shooter."



A cowboy feeds



Is the love from a buckin' bronco Sunday night at the Barstow Rodeo Stampede, held at the MCLB Barstow Stables.



Chief Warrant Officer Brent Rey of the National Training Center's 11th Armored Cavalry Regiment Horseback Color Guard, demonstrates marksmanship skills of days past by shooting a balloon while riding at high speeds.



**By Jim Gaines**  
MCCS Publicity

**Fragrance Sale**

The Fragrance Sale is in progress at the Super Seven Day Store and will run through Oct. 12.

Women's fragrances such as Spark by Liz Claiborne, Celine Dion by Cody and Breathless by Victoria's Secret are on sale.

Also check out the Super Seven Day Store coupons for discounts on video rentals, barber shop, and laundry and dry cleaning. You'll find these coupons in the October issue of the

MCCS Events Guide.  
For more information call 256-8974.

**Fall Family Fiesta**

Come out to the MCCS Fall Family Fiesta and welcome home our troops.

The event will take place Oct. 16 from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. at Sorensen Field.

It will be a fun day for the whole family with free amusement attractions such as Rock Wall Climbing, Lazer Tag, Space Ball, Obstacle Course and much more.

For more information call 577-6968.

Football at the E-Club

**Saturday**

**NCAA**

**College**

**Football**

Doors open 10 a.m.

**Sunday**

**NFL**

**NFL**

**Sunday Ticket**

Plus  
Free BBQ  
Doors open 10 a.m.

**Monday**

**NFL**

**Monday Night**

**Football**

Plus  
Free popcorn,  
chips & dip  
Doors open 6 p.m.

**Come join us for three  
days of football!**

**For more information call 577-6418**

# Human Resources establishes Employee Benefits Call Center

Since January 2002, all Navy civilian employees have been able to electronically process their life insurance, health insurance, and specific Thrift Savings Plan transactions via a fully secured Web application known as EBIS (Employee Benefits Information System). To access EBIS, the Web site is <https://www.civilianbenfits.broc.navy.mil>. Employees also have access to the automated telephone application, the Benefits Line.

Employees may reach the Benefits Line by calling 1-888-320-2917. Both applications are available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. Approximately 90,000 transactions per year are successfully processed through these self-service tools.

During this same time frame, a pilot program has been on-going involving

the 40,000 Navy civilians serviced by the Human Resources Service Center, Northeast which adds a contracted Benefits Call Center. This Benefits Call Center responds to employees' benefits questions and addresses their concerns.

Effective Oct. 1 all Navy civilians will access this contractor operated benefits call center. The call center, known as the Human Resources Benefits Call Center, will operate with fully trained customer service representatives from 7:30 a.m. to 7:30 p.m. EST.

If you would like to provide your assessment of the service on or after Oct. 1, you may complete the online survey available in the EBIS application. EBIS can be accessed at [www.donbr.navy.mil](http://www.donbr.navy.mil).

Should you have any additional question, contact the Benefits Lines at 1-888-320-2917.

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To sign up for the new card all one has to do is fill out the paperwork at MCCS. MCCS will validate information provided and assign the appropriate card, either the major credit card or the in-house card. Bank One sets the credit limit after a credit review, and the members will receive their

card.

Membership dues are based on rank, and retirees, even if still employed as civil servants, will pay the retiree fee.

Finally a Marine membership card that makes being a club member easy and "accepted anywhere you want to be," or in this case anywhere you are transferred.

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blessing in reading them and understanding them. The blessing is experience.

Yes, just like my father used to say, "Son, you can learn from experience or you can learn from *my* experience." What he meant was that he had been around awhile and knew a thing or two about life and that if I chose to listen to him I could save myself from some hard knocks.

If I chose to ignore him, I could learn the same thing, just in a more painful way. That is what these hard sayings of Scripture are like. If we have learned from hard experience, then we can pass that experience on to our children so that they do not have to make the same mistakes that we did.

Is there a parent alive who does not want to save his or her children from painful mistakes? I believe that if we look at these hard sayings in Scripture in a similar fashion that we can look past our own needs to the needs of others and find some blessings in them.

We certainly have already made our own mistakes either through ignorance or selfishness and now we must pay for those mistakes, but if we look to help others our mistakes will not be useless.

Peace,  
Fr Randel

# Gunny's Picks

Week 5



Congratulations to an excited Jan L. Wilson, material handler, Cost Work Center 832, Fleet Support Division, and first-time winner of the Gunny's Picks.

"Jamin' Jan," a staunch Kansas City Chiefs fan, went 11-2 this week without the Monday Night game. "Go Chiefs," she said regarding this week's match up with Denver. "Although it will be a close

game the Chiefs will win."

And now a word from our sponsor: Guys, here it is Week 5 and the MCLB Barstow women are up 3-1!!! Now back to our NFL predictions. Tampa Bay will have a strong test Monday night against Indianapolis. I pick Tampa Bay at home in a close one.

Here are the pairings for Week 5.

To submit your choices for Gunny's Picks, fill out this section of the newspaper and drop it off at the Public Affairs Office in the Green Wing of Building 15, or e-mail who you think will win each game to [editor@barstow.usmc.mil](mailto:editor@barstow.usmc.mil).

- \*Minnesota at Atlanta
- \*Cincinnati at Buffalo\*
- \*Oakland at Chicago
- \*Arizona at Dallas\*
- \*Seattle at Green Bay
- \*Denver at Kansas City\*
- \*Tennessee at New England

- \*Miami at NY Giants
- \*New Orleans at Carolina\*
- \*San Diego at Jacksonville
- \*Detroit at San Francisco\*
- \*Washington at Philadelphia
- \*Cleveland at Pittsburgh\*

## Monday Night

Indianapolis at Tampa Bay\*

Total points: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, work section and phone number: \_\_\_\_\_  
Monday night's game is a tie-breaker and must include a total score.